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See Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment. Applicant is NOT given additional time from the shortened statutory time period begun October 20, 2005 to respond to this communication. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on October 31, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: Applicant represents claim 18 as previously entered, and provides no indication of amendment. The last time claim 18 was amended was in the response received March 7, 2005, so claim 18 submitted October 31, 2005 should be the same. This is not the case. Obviously, the introductory line “A rope cleat which comprises:” (line 1 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been left out, the punctuation at the end of line 2 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18 is missing, “first spindle” (line 5 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been changed to “spindle”, the passage “whereby said rope is retained between said abutment surface and said first cam surface when said cover is in a retain position” (lines 22-24 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been completely left out and “said cover” (line 26 of the March 7, 2005 claim 18) has been changed to “said cover means”. Similarly, the last time claim 20 was amended was in the response received March 7, 2005, so claim 20 submitted October 31, 2005 should be the same. This is not the case. With respect to claim 20, “is” (line 13 of the March 7, 2005 claim 20) has been changed to “I” in the current amendment and “surface and abutment surface by said first cam” (lines 13-14 of the March 7, 2005 claim 20) has been left out. It is also noted that an artifact “[[:;]]” from a previous amendment to claim 24 is still to be found in the current amendment on line 29 and should be deleted. Applicant has been notified repeatedly how to make amendments to correct this application so as to pass the case to issue and fails to do so properly. Applicant should again review 37 CFR 1.121 for the proper list of claim status identifiers and note that “(previously entered)”, utilized by applicant for claims 18 and 20 and “(amended)”, utilized for claim 25, are not appropriate. Proper claim status identifiers in a claim listing must be utilized. Applicant has

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represented claims 18 and 20 as unchanged, yet they are substantially changed. Applicant is therefore **NOT** given additional time from the time period begun October 20, 2005. The changes to the specification received October 31, 2005 will be entered as will the replacement drawing sheets received August 10, 2005. Applicant must provide a new claim listing correcting the above deficiencies in response to this communication. **Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Brittain whose telephone number is (571) 272-7065. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30-2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on (571) 272-7075. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. R. Brittain', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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